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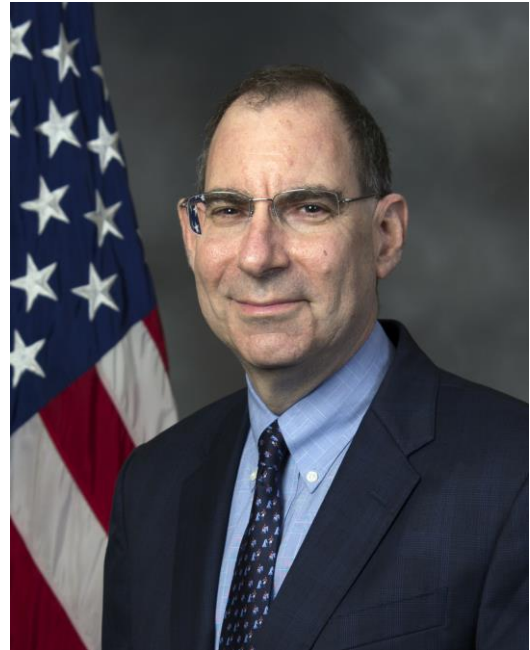
Biography

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Michael A. Barkin is the Foreign Policy Advisor (POLAD) to the Commander of United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. USSTRATCOM is one of eleven Unified Combatant Commands in the Department of Defense, consisting of a headquarters staff and three subordinate commands.

In this capacity, he provides advice to the Commander and command staff on the foreign policy implications of USSTRATCOM'S global responsibilities.

Mr. Barkin most recently served as Acting Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs as part of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York. In that capacity, he managed U.S. activities in the U.N. Security Council, including publicly representing the United States. Prior postings include Minister Counselor for Consular Affairs at the U.S. Mission to Canada, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador, Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Matamoros, Mexico, and as Deputy Director of the State Department's Office of Canadian Affairs.



Other foreign assignments include service in the Netherlands, Kosovo, Bulgaria, Honduras and Uruguay.

Mr. Barkin has a bachelor of arts degree in literature and philosophy from Emory University in Atlanta, a master's degree in public policy from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs, and a juris doctor degree from New York University's School of Law.

Originally from Florida, Mr. Barkin worked as a state prosecutor and public defender in Georgia prior to joining the Foreign Service in 1995.

Mr. Barkin is married with three children.

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